
NO. 491
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
December 6, 2007
MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the downtown offices in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by President Gary Ovitt, Supervisor, San Bernardino County. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County, President	
Hon. Yvonne, Burke, Los Angeles County, Immediate Past President	
Hon Richard Dixon, Lake Forest 1 st Vice President	District 13
Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel, 2 nd Vice President	District 35
Hon. Chris Norby, Orange County	
Hon. Linda Parks, Ventura County	
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	District 8
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Hon. Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Hon. Paul Glabb, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Troy Edgar, Los Alamitos	District 20
Hon. Sharon Quirk, Fullerton	District 21
Hon. John Beauman, Brea	District 22
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Hon. Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Hon. Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Hon. Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Mike Ten, South Pasadena	District 36

Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme,	District 45
Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Tim Jasper, Apple Valley	District 65
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	OCTA
Hon. Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC
Hon. Paul Leon, Ontario	SANBAG

Members Not Present

Hon. Victor Carrillo, Imperial Valley	
Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Hon. Leslie Daigle, Newport Beach	District 14
Hon. Christine Barnes, La Palma	District 18
Hon. Robert Hernandez, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Hon. Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Hon. Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Hon. Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Hon. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Hon. Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Hon. Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Hon. Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Hon. Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Los Angeles	District 57
Hon. Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles	District 58
Hon. Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Hon. Jose Huizar, Jr., Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Andy Masiel, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	
Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles	At-Large
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Joe Burton, Chief Counsel
Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Ovitt called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance and invocation was led by Councilmember Larry McCallon.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 3.1.3 was pulled for discussion. Motion was made (Pettis) to approve the remainder of the consent calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Gabelich) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1 Approval Items

- 3.1.1 Minutes of Nov. 1, 2007 Meeting
- 3.1.2 Resolution to Apply for 3rd Year Blueprint Planning Grant Funds
- 3.1.4 2008 Leadership Academy Program
- 3.1.5 Sponsorship of the Los Angeles County Transportation Funding Collaborative Workshop
- 3.1.6 Sponsorship of Western Riverside County Clean Cities' Coalition's Annual Event
- 3.1.7 Contracts over \$250,000
- 3.1.8 Sponsorship of the 2008 California Congressional Delegation Reception

3.2 Receive & File

3.2.1 Contracts/Purchase Orders and MOUs between \$5,000 - \$250,000

3.2.2 CFO Monthly Financial Report

Item Pulled

3.1.3 2008 State and Federal Legislative Program

Councilmember Larry McCallon presented the recommendations from the CEHD to the 2008 Legislative Program. They are:

- Add provision in Goods Movement Section providing for enhanced security, including technology enhancements, to ensure that goods entering the US from foreign jurisdictions are safe;
- Strike reference to **increase** the sales tax on gasoline from the Develop Section on Transportation Finance (page 19), so that it reads in the 2nd bullet in pertinent part "...including proposals to increase transportation funding through user fees ~~and sales taxes on motor vehicle fuels~~ and by adjusting the fuel exercise tax rate to maintain historical purchasing power."
- Page 1, second principle to read:
~~Seek legislative actions that~~ Promote the goals and objectives of the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP), SCAG's visionary effort tie together SCAG's role in transportation, land use, and air quality planning to define and create a livable, sustainable, successful region.

Councilmember Wapner stated that the TCC also reviewed the Legislative Program and presented their recommendations. They are:

- Add in the State Transportation Funding section: to provide specifically (rather than generally) for complete protection of Proposition 42 funds from future borrowing or use for any purposes other than transportation;
- Add to the Federal and State Transportation sections: to support at the federal, state, and regional levels for High Speed Rail deployment including support specifically for the preparation of preliminary engineering for the extended initial Operating Segment (IOS), the federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and the state Environmental Impact Report (EIR) necessary for public/private investment, as well as funding to complete deployment of the IOS by 2010;

- Add to Develop section on Transportation: to support efforts to reduce the vote threshold from 2/3s majority to 50%+1 for proposals to increase the sales tax for self-help counties;
- Add to Federal Transportation section: to protect provisions for funding under the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ);
- Add graphic from Goods Movement Section in 2007 Program showing 43% of goods flowing through the region to the nation;
- Adopt recommendations of the OCCOG to strike references to RCP in the Legislative Program and the sections relating to Land Use Planning in the Develop portion of the Program.

Councilmember Young stated that the RCP should not be referenced within the program and recommended that the language “*SCAG shall promote*” be incorporated where appropriate within the document. Motion was seconded by (Pettis).

Councilmember O’Connor expressed concern regarding the section referencing the increase of sales tax on gasoline. She emphasized that the gas tax be appropriately utilized.

Councilmembers Young and Pettis accepted Councilmember O’Connor’s recommendation as a friendly amendment. There were no objections.

A substitute Motion was offered to keep the RCP language within the legislative program. The Motion was seconded. There were 27 AYES and 4 NOES. The Motion passed.

After further discussion, a Motion was made (McCallon) to include the TCC and CEHD’s recommendations into the legislative program. Motion was seconded (Pettis). There were 23 AYES and 12 NOES. Motion passed.

Vote on the main motion

Motion was made (Young) to approve the 2008 Legislative Program with the aforementioned changes. Motion was seconded (Aldinger) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.0 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

4.1 Discussion of January Meeting Schedule

President Ovitt stated that the next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2008. However, due to the holiday members were polled regarding their availability. After discussion members agreed to hold the January 3, 2008 meeting date.

4.2 Committee Appointments

Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees

Hon. Michael Wilson, Indio, appointed to TCC, representing CVAG; Hon. John Mitchell, Colton, appointed to the CEHD, representing SANBAG, Hon. Steve Diels, Redondo Beach, appointed to TCC representing South Bay Cities; and Hon. Janice Hahn, Los Angeles to TCC.

Contracts Subcommittee

Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead
Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme

Other appointments

Hon. Alan Wapner to AB 1246 Subcommittee
Hon. Chris Norby to Benchmarks Task Force

5.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Executive Director's report was sent via email. There was no oral report.

6.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

6.1 **Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)**

6.1.1 Highlights of the State of the Region

Ping Chang, SCAG staff, stated the State of the Region reports annually on a series of indicators about our region's performance. The primary objective is to assist members of the Regional Council assess how the region is performing and, hence, provide the basis for policy discussions.

Mr. Chang also stated that SCAG is currently in the process of updating the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). After adoption of the RCP, the subsequent State of the Region report will also track and assess the region's progress in meeting the goals established in the updated RCP.

Supervisor Chris Norby commended staff on the State of the Region report. However, he questioned the methodology of the grades received on certain sections within the report. He stated the grades should be higher than the scores given.

6.2 **Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)**

Councilmember Wapner announced that the chapters of the Regional Comprehensive Program were released for public comment.

6.3 **Administration Committee Report**

There was no report.

6.4 **Energy and Environment Committee Report (EEC)**

6.4.1 **Solid Waste Legislation – SB 1020 (Padilla) and SB 1016 (Wiggins)**

Motion was made (Young) to oppose SB 1020 and oppose SB 1016 unless amended. Motion was SECONDED (Beauman) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.4.2 **Update on the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)**

6.5 **Membership & Communications Subcommittee**

Councilmember Cook stated that last year's inaugural program received overwhelming positive feedback from participants.

The next schedule calls for one two-day session in February, followed by three one-day sessions in March and April. The sessions will be held on the USC campus in downtown Los Angeles. Elected officials who serve on the Regional Council or policy committees are eligible to apply. Applications are now available.

Councilmember Glen Becerra announced that Dr. Carol Baker Tharp, recently succumb to her bout with cancer. Ms Baker served as the Executive Director of Coro Southern California from 1989 through 2001. Carol went on to serve as the Deputy Director of the Civic Engagement Initiative at USC's School of Policy, Planning, and Development where she was also an instructor. Most recently she was appointed General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).

7.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

There were no information items.

8.0 **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

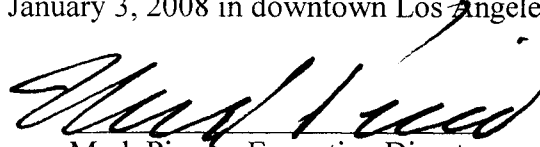
There were no announcements.

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items noted.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Regional Council adjourned in memory of Dr. Carol Baker Tharp. The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held on January 3, 2008 in downtown Los Angeles.



Mark Pisanò, Executive Director